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Guide to the Ralph Kepler Lewis papers, 1949-1950

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Ralph Kepler Lewis papers
Date:	1949-1967
Identifier:	NAA.1995-02
Creator:	Lewis, Ralph Kepler
Extent:	2.5 Linear feet (4 boxes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Received from Ralph Kepler Lewis in 1994.

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Ralph Kepler Lewis papers, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

Ralph Kepler "Kep" Lewis was an anthropologist whose dissertation fieldwork took place in 1949-1950 in Lebanon, where he studied the social and economic causes of sustained emigration on a peasant community. The mountain village of Hadchite was the locus of his fieldwork.

Lewis was born in Missouri in 1912, and served in the Army in North Africa and France during World War II. After the war, he conducted several years of fieldwork among the Turkana people in Africa. He received his undergraduate degree from Southwest Missouri State College, and his MA in anthropology from the University of Southern California. He then attended Columbia University for his PhD, completing his doctoral work in 1967 with his dissertation, *Hadchite: A Study of Emigration in a Lebanese Village* based on his earlier fieldwork. He joined the faculty of George Washington University in 1964, after having served in the State Department as a specialist on the Middle East. He retired in 1982 but continued to teach for several years. Lewis died in 1997.

Scope and Contents

The Ralph Kepler Lewis papers contain manuscript drafts, photographs, and original drawings for Lewis's dissertation *Hadchite: a study of emigration from a Lebanese Village*. No final version is present.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Places:

Lebanon
Middle East

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	1: Abstract
Box 1, Folder 2-5	Dissertation drafts with illustrations (4 folders) Notes: Contains two dissertation drafts with illustrations included.
Box 1, Folder 6-7	Dissertation draft without illustrations (2 folders) Notes: Contains dissertation draft without illustrations included.
Box 2, Folder 1-2	Dissertation draft without illustrations (2 folders) Notes: Contains dissertation draft without illustrations included.
Box 2, Folder 3	Draft fragments and page listing erratum
Box 2, Folder 4	Maps Notes: Includes maps of Hadchite and other general maps of Lebanon.
Box 2, Folder 5	Photographs and captions Notes: Contains photographic prints affixed to paper with associated captions.
Box 2, Folder 6	Small photographs organized by plate number Notes: Contains small prints and associated negatives.
Box 2, Folder 7	Photographs Notes: Contains photographic prints, possibly enlargements of small photos.
Box 2, Folder 8	Photographs Notes: Contains photographic prints, possibly enlargements of small photos.
Box 3	Original drawings
Box 3	Photographs mounted on board Notes: Contains photographs prepped for publication and mounted on board.
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